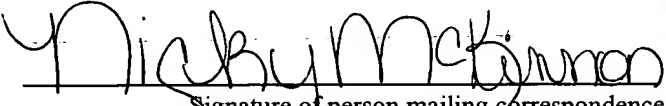




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In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed August 17, 1999, Applicants make the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

At page 2, line 17, delete the second occurrence of "nucleotides."

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